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**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**Communism In Britain**

THERE is a common belief that Communism in Britain has ceased to be an active force, that because its numbers have fallen and its MPs been thrown out of Parliament, the danger is no longer there; but the country is in for a very rude awakening. Communism in Britain has virtually ceased to fight a political battle. It is concentrating on the industrial battle—a battle of which some of the more far-sighted industrialists have given warning for some time. The beginnings of the pattern of the battle can already be seen. The Electrical Trade Union, a Communist-controlled body, has given a quick demonstration of an almost diabolically clever plan for the disruption of industry. The union leaders picked key spots throughout Britain where they could rely on their members. A strike was called at one point, and when negotiations opened, there was another strike round the corner; the employers hurried to consider it, and while their backs were turned a third had broken out. In all cases the minimum of men were called out, but they were vital men to the work being done. What was the result? Work stopped without any general calling-out of men. The cost to the union was almost nil—for there were no vast sums of strike pay to hand out.

COMMUNISM in Britain has only one weapon it can use—industrial disruption. And the Electricians have now made it plain that large numbers of men are not needed to cause effective disruption. What would happen if this new method of striking—it is being used in France, too, where they call it the rolling strike—were developed in other industries in Britain? There would be chaos of course. A small, powerful and skilfully-placed group of men could halve industrial production. It is not hard to see what would happen in the coalmines if a few key electricians or hauliers, were called out, or to the railways if maintenance men stopped work; or to the motor-car industry if the shop stewards had the signal to cause major disruption. The Communists can be relied on to know precisely where to stick their pins in the map to cause the most damage, and it is ridiculous to wish thinking to believe that the men who will cause the damage have not already been planted.

IN the face of a threat like this Mr Arthur Greenwood's words to the TUC recently make nonsense. He said: "We have our ups and downs as is the case with all family life. As in a large family, rich in characters and personalities, our differences can be boisterous, but like all families we can close our ranks and face the outside world resolute and united." That, first of all, is not true—for the Socialist movement is riven far deeper than Mr Greenwood admits. And secondly if it were true it has no business to be true. And in view of the dangers, the Conservatives should not now be blithely saying: "We stand on our record." They should be evolving a new, vigorous and healthy policy. Its basis should be Ownership. The responsibility and personal pride in ownership are the only answers to Communism. It is one of the great stabilising influences—and it is a battle between responsible ownership and destructive communalism—that is going to have to be fought in the coming years.

**Beria Sensation: Escape Report Believed Well Founded**



LAVRENTI BERIA

**Italian Murdered By Mau Mau**

Nairobi, Sept. 20. African terrorists murdered an Italian farmer named Beccaloni on his estate four miles from Timau, North Kenya, this morning, East Africa Command Headquarters reported tonight.

Signor Beccaloni was shot dead as he was alighting from his car to open a farm gate. His body was slashed with pangas (chopping knives). A young African, who was in the car with him, was slightly wounded.

Seven Africans murdered an African here in a vain bid to steal a cash box—but were killed because the box was chained down. The man, Pethaji Makanjil, was standing in the Nairobi Flour Mills office on Friday night when the gang, two armed with pistols, tried to seize the cash box. They knocked Makanjil down, fired two shots into him, then made off on bicycles. Makanjil died in hospital.—Reuter.

**Ex-King Zog Leaving Egypt**

Cairo, Sept. 20. Ex-King Zog of Albania will leave Egypt for good on October 18 because of the Egyptian government's withdrawal last month of recognition of the Royal Albanian Legation here, a source close to the monarch said today.

He said the former monarch would go to Paris and decide there whether to settle in France or proceed to the United States, as reported earlier. Zog, his wife ex-Queen Geraldine, his son Prince Leka, four sisters and Court officials numbering 60 sought refuge here in 1945 after the Communists took over Albania.—United Press.

**Death Of Churchill Rumour Officially Denied**

Nice, Sept. 20. Rumours of British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill's death were officially denied here tonight.

The denial was issued by the prefecture of the French Department of "Alpes Maritimes" in liaison with the police inspector in charge of Prime Minister Churchill's security.

Officials of the Alpes Maritimes Prefecture also declared that the British Prime Minister's health had not deteriorated during today (Sunday), according to reports reaching the prefecture.

**US SENATOR'S DISCLOSURE Mystery Man Seeks Asylum**

Washington, Sept. 20.

Although an official spokesman tonight declared that the State Department had received no confirmation through diplomatic channels that Lavrenti Beria, former Soviet Minister of the Interior, was a refugee "in a neutral country," a United States senator (who did not wish to be quoted by name) said that some circles in the Senate were convinced that Beria, who in addition to his other posts was Chief of the Soviet Secret Police, had fled to a country outside the Soviet orbit.

The New York Daily News had earlier printed reports that Colonel Amoss, former officer of the United States Office of Strategic Services, had been contacted in Munich on July 29 by a Soviet commander who told him Beria had escaped by plane.

The unnamed American senator told the press today that a mysterious person, who might have been Beria, had contacted a representative of the Senatorial Investigation Sub-committee, headed by Senator Joseph McCarthy, and has asked for political asylum in the United States.

The senator stated that the mysterious man was willing to disclose the secrets of the Kremlin in return for asylum. The senator said he would not be surprised if the man turned out to be Beria, and he believed he had asked for at least temporary asylum in America. He added that if so, Beria could give the United States some very valuable information if it was possible to keep him alive.

The same senator said the State Department would publish a statement on the subject in the very near future.

The senator declared that a representative of the Senatorial Investigation Sub-committee had gone to a certain neutral non-Communist country in Europe about a month ago and had talked with the fugitive. This representative was convinced that the man was Beria, the senator said. He declared that Beria, or the man claiming to be Beria, had escaped from the Soviet Union with three assistants in a plane.

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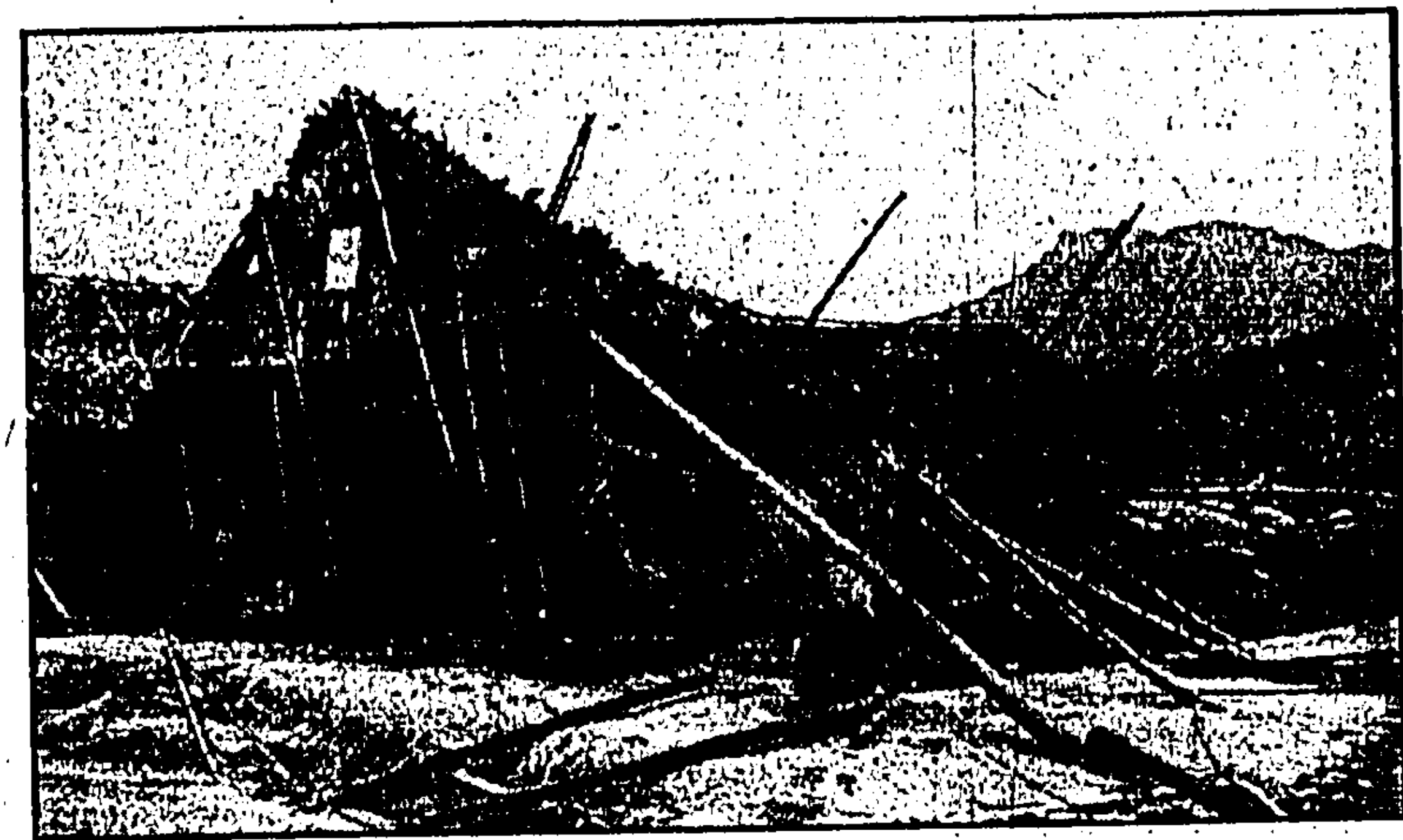
Beria was fully protected for the moment in his present hiding place, the senator declared, adding that Beria, if he were to be received in the United States, consented to speak only to Senator McCarthy or to Vice President Richard Nixon.

The senator added that Beria had not broken with Communism but had agreed to speak for the sake of revenge against his enemies in the Soviet Union. There were Communists in Mexico who were loyal to Beria and had tried to arrange asylum for him in the United States. If this were refused he might go to one of the South American countries, the informant said.

The senator said that Senator McCarthy through a go-between had exchanged at least four messages on the subject with

These same words—"committed for trial"—were used in June by V.M. Bakradzhe, the Georgian Prime Minister, when he thanked the Supreme Soviet for the measures it had taken to "unmask Beria's capitalist faith."

Though it has been noted here that the word "arrest" was not used when the world was told of Beria's disgrace and fall, Russian language experts here said that they attached no importance to the omission of this word. The reason is that the word "arrest" is not common in the Russian language. Diplomatic quarters here therefore believe that Beria is in one of the Russian jails, probably the famous Lubianka prison in Moscow.—Reuter.



**Cold Shoulder For Peking Moscow-N. Korea Talks Effect**

London, Sept. 20.

The outcome of the Soviet-North Korean talks in Moscow pointed today to a speedy evacuation of North Korea by the Chinese Communist "volunteers" and indicated a growing coolness between Moscow and Peking.

This is the way the development of Soviet-Korean-Chinese relations is seen here in the light of Premier Georgi Malenkov's speech on the Russian radio, denied all knowledge of the reported escape and declared that he would be the most surprised man in the world if the story were true.

The news of Beria's dismissal from the Communist Party and from his high government post was first released on July 10 by the Soviet Radio. He was described by Moscow reports as a "traitor and a spy in the pay of the imperialists." It was announced that he would be turned over to the Supreme Court of the Soviet Union for trial.

Since then Soviet sources have revealed no further news of Beria's fate, merely stating that his case had been submitted to the Supreme Court. The date or place of his trial has never been announced.—France-Press.

**LONDON SCEPTICAL**

London, Sept. 20. Diplomatic quarters here tonight gave little credence to press reports that Lavrenti Beria, the former Soviet police chief, had escaped from Russia.

These quarters were sceptical about the reports because recently there has been public mention in the Soviet Union of the "committal for trial" of the former State Security chief and Minister for the Interior, who emerged as Russia's number two leader after the death of Marshal Stalin.

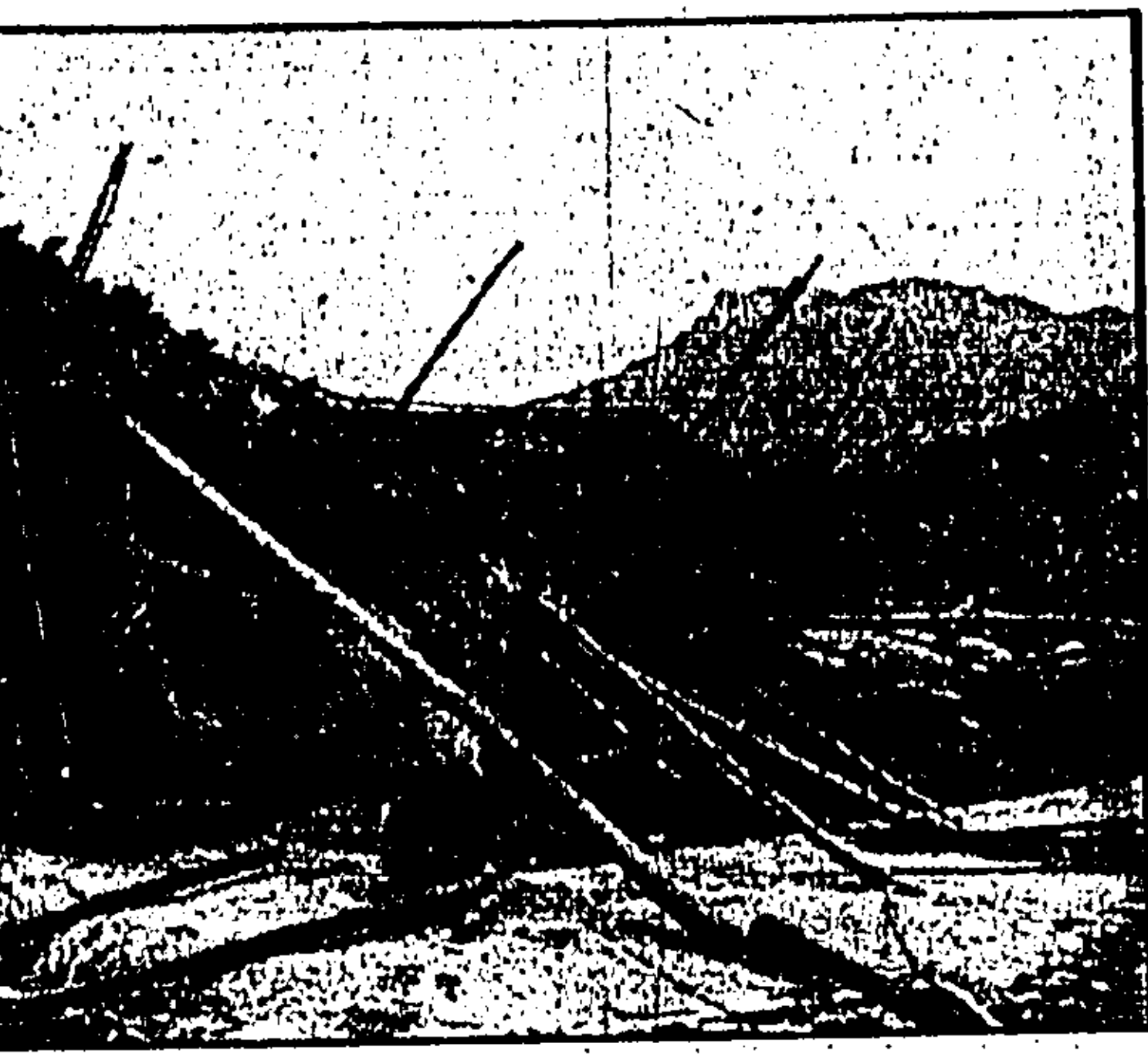
A Moscow journal for young Communist "pioneers" from the years of nine to 14, recently referring to the "imperialist crimes" of Beria, said he had been committed for trial.

They set off a laboratory explosion and fire that sent both to hospital with critical injuries.—United Press.

**Liner Goes To Ship's Assistance**

Brest, Sept. 20. The 44,350-ton crack French liner Ile de France was tonight speeding to the assistance of the Liberian steamer Greenville in difficulties in mid-Atlantic. Radio messages received here from the Ile de France said she was ten miles from the 6,323-ton steamer. The Ile de France is bound for New York and the Greenville is in "passage from Montreal to Britain.—Reuter.

**What Typhoon Susan And The Heavy Rains Did**



Although the Colony was spared the full force of Typhoon Susan last week, the gale winds and the heavy rains which accompanied them did some damage. Top picture shows a matted building levelled, and above one of the several landslides which caused casualties.—Staff Photographer.

**Today's Big Speech By Vyshinsky**

New York, Sept. 21.

Mr Andrei Vyshinsky will make a big speech in the United Nations today which may prove one of the most important ever delivered by the Chief Soviet Delegate.

The former Russian Foreign Minister is expected to reply to the plea for easing world tension made on Thursday by Mr John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State.

At the same time he would reinforce his attempt to reopen discussion of the Korean peace conference arrangements formally lodged on Saturday in a request for debate.

This request, expected to be subject of bitter debate, asks that four Asian neutrals—India, Indonesia, Burma and Pakistan—be invited to the peace conference.

The United States opposes this and wants the Assembly to abide by an earlier decision restricting the conference to the belligerents and Russia. The impression persisted at United Nations headquarters that Mr Vyshinsky might have some thing of interest to say about disarmament—a matter about which East and West have been unable to agree.

He hinted earlier this year that the new Soviet leaders had a different approach to the matter and invited the West to meet them half way along "the tunnel of friendship." But United Nations delegates were not hopeful of a positive response to Mr Dulles' speech.—Reuter.

**Further Arrests**

London, Sept. 20. Cairo Radio broadcast a special announcement tonight that eleven people had been arrested at the order of President Nasser's Revolutionary Council. The Radio said the announcement of the arrests was made by Major Kamal el Din Huseini, a member of the Council, which met tonight. Further arrests were expected, the Radio added.—Reuter.

**FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES**

Rome, Sept. 20.

Torrential rains caused floods and landslides across Italy last night and early today, killing five persons.

Four workers were killed at Limerzo near Genoa when a landslide buried a hut where they had sought refuge from the rain.

A 17-year-old boy was drowned on Tuesday when flood waters washed away a bridge over the flooded Maddalena River.—United Press.

**A PROBLEM IN PROTOCOL**

London, Sept. 20.

It will require the services of an expert in protocol to decide who gets the star billing in a new play which goes into rehearsal in London next week.

The play, N. C. Hunter's "A Day at the Sea" has three Knights and a Dame in its cast. They are Sir Ralph Richardson, Sir Lewis Casson, Sir John Gielgud and Dame Sybil Thorne-dike.—China Mail Special.

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## Discovery Of A New Asteroid

Brunswick, Sept. 20.

The Royal Observatory here has discovered a new star in the constellation of Pices which has been provisionally named 1953 RA.

Foreign observatories have been asked to watch for the star, which is calculated to be about six kilometres (about 3 1/2 miles) in diameter and about 53,000,000 kilometres (about 33,000,000 miles) from the earth.

The "star" evidently refers to a small asteroid within the solar system itself.—Reuter.

## "MacLean Fever" In Vienna

### Rash Of Reports On Missing Woman

Vienna, Sept. 20.

The hunt for the missing Mrs Melinda MacLean switched underground today among the informers and spies of this city, divided between East and West.

British security agents, trying to pick up the trail of the American-born woman who vanished as suddenly as her British diplomat-husband, are satisfied that she is not in any of the Western-occupied areas of Austria.

Police today turned from interrogating taxi drivers, hotel clerks and station porters who might have seen her to the shadowy underground groups that flourish under divided rule.

These are the men who—at a price—help people to slip across the frontiers of the neighbouring Communist countries, despite the rifles and tommyguns of the guards. For a price too, they will tell one power what they know of another's secrets.

The British authorities are believed to be getting friendly help and collaboration from their American colleagues but it was stressed that the United States intelligence organisation is not taking any official part in the hunt.

Security officers say privately they are working almost completely on the theory that Mrs MacLean has gone to a Communist country, perhaps to join her husband, Donald.

The British as well as Austrian police are sifting a mass of reports from people who think they might have seen the missing woman. But though a "MacLean fever" has induced many people to phone the police stations with "positive information," none of it has been substantiated.—Reuter.

# Thailand Not Worried By Red Threat

## Secret Printing Presses Set Up By American Reds

Washington, Sept. 20.

The Senate Internal Security sub-Committee today disclosed testimony that the Communists have secret printing presses to grind out propaganda if the Party goes underground.

The testimony, taken in secret last Spring and released today, also asserted that large amounts of Red propaganda were entering the United States through Soviet bloc Embassies or illegal mail shipments.

The hearings, conducted by a sub-Committee "task force" headed by Senator Herman Weicker (Republican, Idaho), included testimony by five former Communists, three of whom were undercover agents for the FBI.

These and other witnesses testified:

1. The Communist Party established printing facilities in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, New York City, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Alameda County, California, and near Birmingham, Alabama.

2. A Washington, D.C., printing shop printed leaflets for the Communists and office forms for Iron Curtain Embassies.

3. From 5,000 to 7,500 bags of mail arriving in New York monthly are subject to confidential search for Communist propaganda, mostly destined for foreign-language groups in this country. This does not include material brought in by diplomatic pouch and smuggling or addressed to registered agents of foreign powers.

4. The Communist Party distributed small portable mimeographs for Communists to hide in their homes for emergencies.

EX-RED'S STORY

The sub-Committee recommended amending the internal security law to require the Communist Party and its fronts to register all propaganda-printing devices, from presses to mimeographs.

It also suggested that every foreign diplomat or consular officer who spread political propaganda be required to register as a foreign agent.

A former Communist, Paul Crouch, swore that the Communist Party in 1935 or 1936 installed a linotype press and other equipment in the back room of a book store in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, across the street from the University of North Carolina.

"Its chief aim was for the Communist Party to have facilities during underground operations for printing and publishing in America and the Soviet Union," said Crouch.

"This press was to be operated to produce illegal literature through the district."

## HUNGARIAN FARMING IN BAD SHAPE

Vienna, Sept. 20.

Mr Andras Hegedus, Hungarian Minister of Agriculture, has told collective farmers there are "great mistakes" in our agriculture due more to the bad policy of the Government than to lack of the farmers' skill.

The Minister told a conference of collective farm leaders in Budapest that "dissatisfaction rules" in most of the country's collective farms.

Collective farm members get little money and their share of the produce grown was small, he said. Their standard of living must "unconsciously" be raised to that of the free middle class farmers, the Minister said.

Mr Hegedus said: "To some extent there has also been bad work in the collective farms."

"Despite the generally good harvest the supply of bread grains has not been yet assured," he said. "This year's supply of fodder is also still too small."—Reuter.

## Michael Foot On Warpath

Leek, Sept. 20.

Britain should say she will not take part in any new fighting in Korea, Mr Michael Foot, left wing Labour Member of Parliament, said tonight. The primary aim of statesmen on both sides of the Atlantic should be to prevent wars breaking out again, he said, but they did not seem to be trying to do this.

The British Government seemed to have "collapsed" in the United Nations, Mr Foot charged.

Negotiations were the only alternative to a third world war, but it seemed that the American Government was "shutting its doors in the face of any such negotiations."—Reuter.

Bangkok, Sept. 20.

The threat of an invasion of Thailand is more imaginary than real, at least for the time being, in the opinion of well-informed sources here.

One source told the United Press today that so long as Indo-China and Burma remain outside the Red orbit the danger of an invasion of this country is slight. Even if both Burma and Indo-China go Red, the source said, "Thailand will be so ripe as to need no plucking."

With trouble on all sides of her frontiers—Burma, Indo-China and Malaya—the Government is strengthening all branches of the country's defences, especially the army and the air force, to meet any possible threat of attack from outside.

The well-equipped Thai police forces are capable of preserving internal security, which is why the Communist underground gangs have so far been unable to be more active. The police have their own mechanised units, helicopters and paratroop squads to meet any threat of an internal uprising.

The only branch of the Thai defence forces which is not being augmented is the Royal Navy.

The Government is keeping a close watch on the Communist-sponsored autonomous Thai State established in Southern Yunnan Province through which, observers believe, the Reds are planning to take over Thailand by the common Communist pattern of subversion and infiltration.

STRONG UNITS

Police sources said the Communists have already sent in strong underground units into the country and despite incessant police raids a large number are still at large.

Against external aggression, Thailand is counting on the Western Democracies and the United Nations as it is generally conceded that the country's armed forces are not big and strong enough to repel full-scale aggression. Well-informed sources, however, believe that the defence forces are capable of checking an attack until aid from the Western Democracies or the United Nations arrives.

Thailand's greatest threat is Communist China. Close observers fear that if the Chinese Communists decide to move south, their troops may use the same routes where the Chinese Nationalist guerrillas are now operating and penetrate to a point near the Gulf of Martaban in the Indian Ocean.

There is no fear that officers of Burmese tribesmen or Indo-Chinese "nationalists" during his tour of the frontier areas at the height of the Communist invasion of Laos last spring, Premier Phibun Songgram was asked whether he feared an invasion by Ho Chi Minh's Red hordes. The Premier mapped back at one correspondent: "Go back and study Thai history and see whether Thailand has ever been beaten by the Yuan—the Thai name for Annamese or Vietnamese."

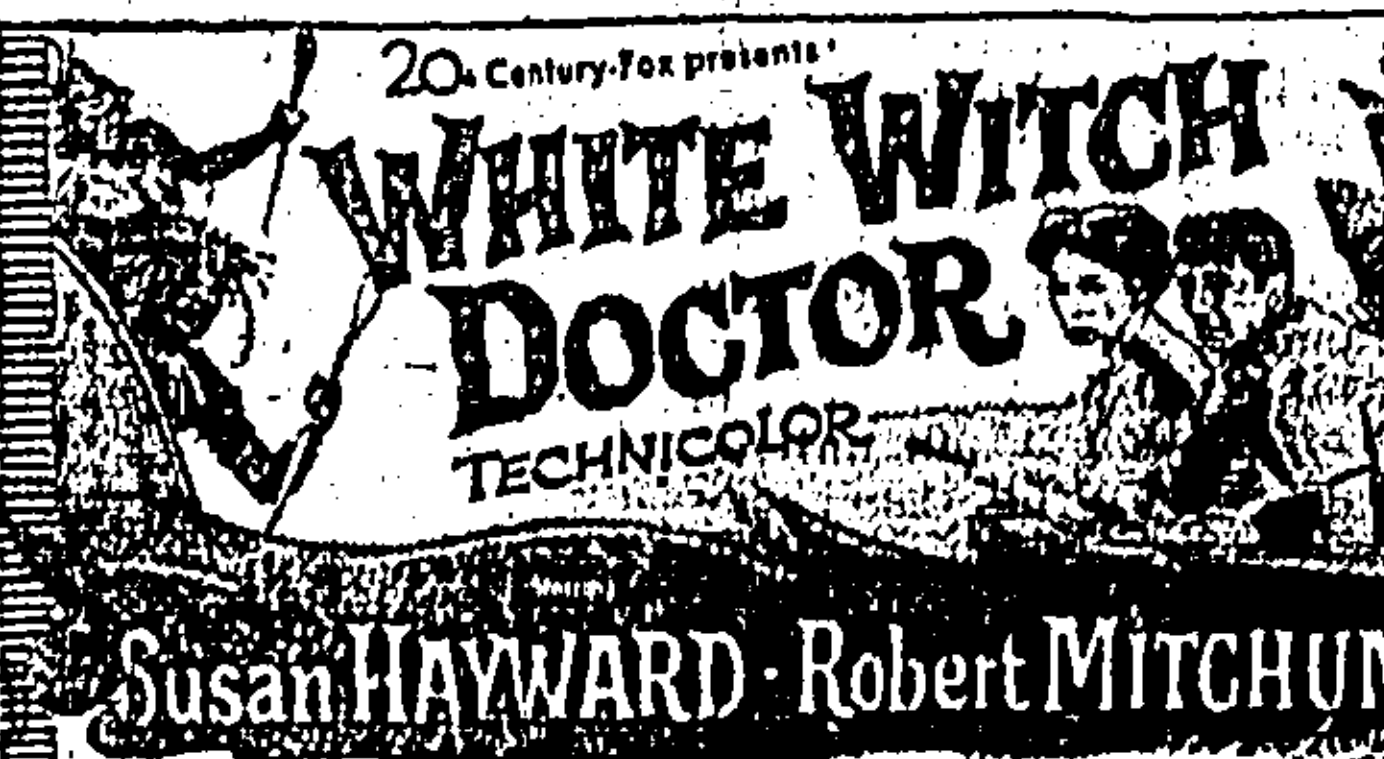
On the home front the Government is paying increasing attention to the needs of the common people. The most controversial legislation now in process is a land reform bill which aims at giving land to the landless population.—United Press.

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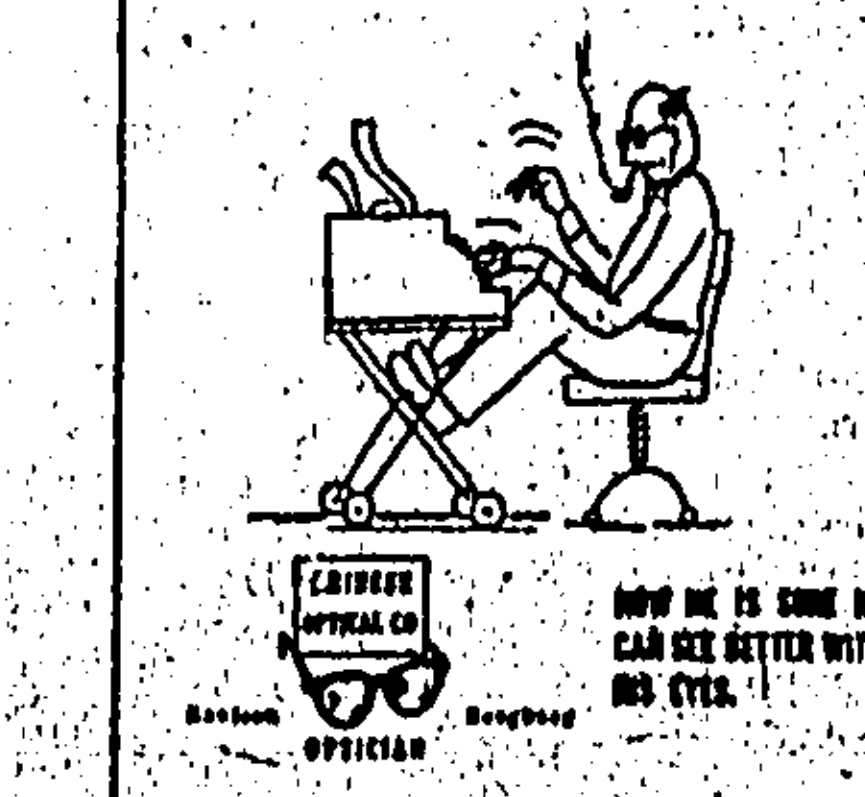
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# A SIGNIFICANT POINTER

## French Public Opinion Reflected By Radicals

### Japan's Defence Forces

#### Plan Redrafted By "General Staffs"

Tokyo, Sept. 21. The strength of the National Security Force—future home defence army of Japan—will be boosted from its present 110,000 to 130,000 men during the 1954-55 period, according to a plan redrafted by the National Security Board, the Tokyo Shimbun reported.

The plan, the journal said, was drafted by General Staff No. 1 (Army) and General Staff No. 2 (Navy) of the National Security Board on the basis of Premier Yoshida's instructions given on September 16.

In giving instructions Premier Yoshida was said to have emphasised the following two points:

1. Every care should be taken so that maintenance of the expanded security force may not jeopardise the Japanese economy, and

2. The scale of the expanded National Security Force should not be large enough to create fear among other nations in Asia that Japan would soon re-emerge as a military power.

The paper pointed out that the new defence build-up is 20 to 30% smaller in scale than the first plan made public on September 11.

The first of the plan is as follows:

The first strength of the N.S.F. will be boosted by 20,000 men during the 1954-55 period. The total strength of the N.S.F. ground forces will reach 170,000-180,000 or 190,000 men at the end of the five-year defence building plan.

One of these three plans will be adopted. Naval strength will be about 140,000 tons and air strength will be limited to 800-1,000 planes at the largest, the paper said.—Reuter.

### Repatriation Of War Prisoners

San Francisco, Sept. 20. The repatriation of American war prisoners seemed its end today when the U.S. Navy Transport General L. W. Brewster arrived here with 30 prisoners of war. They brought to more than 3,000 the former prisoners returned home by sea since the Armistice was signed.

The ninth and last ship is due next Wednesday.

The Communists released about 8,500 Americans, many of whom have been sent back to the United States by air.—Reuter.

## Party Congress Indicates Distrust Of Germany

Aix-les-Bains, Sept. 20. The French Government will get little comfort in its difficulties over the European Army Treaty from the Congress of the Radical Party which ended here today.

Less numerous than before the war, the Radical Party still remains very representative of the average Frenchman and the temper of this year's Congress constitutes a significant pointer to the state of French public opinion.

The Congress showed that the French upper and lower middle classes are certainly not indifferent to the question of transferring part of their national sovereignty to a super-national body in which they fear a strong Germany will play a dominating part.

### Bidault Replies To Adenauer

Paris, Sept. 20. The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, replied to West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's proposal for a meeting on Franco-German relations was sent to Bonn today.

The French Foreign Office said yesterday that M. Bidault had accepted the proposal for discussions of mutual problems.

The contents of the French reply are expected to be released tomorrow.—Reuter.

### SIR ROGER CASEMENT'S REMAINS

#### Request By Ireland

Dublin, Sept. 20. The Irish Government will once again try to recover from Britain the remains of Sir Roger Casement, the Irish Nationalist and one-time British Consul-General, who was hanged by the British as a traitor in 1916.

Casement had been found guilty of assisting Germany during the First World War.

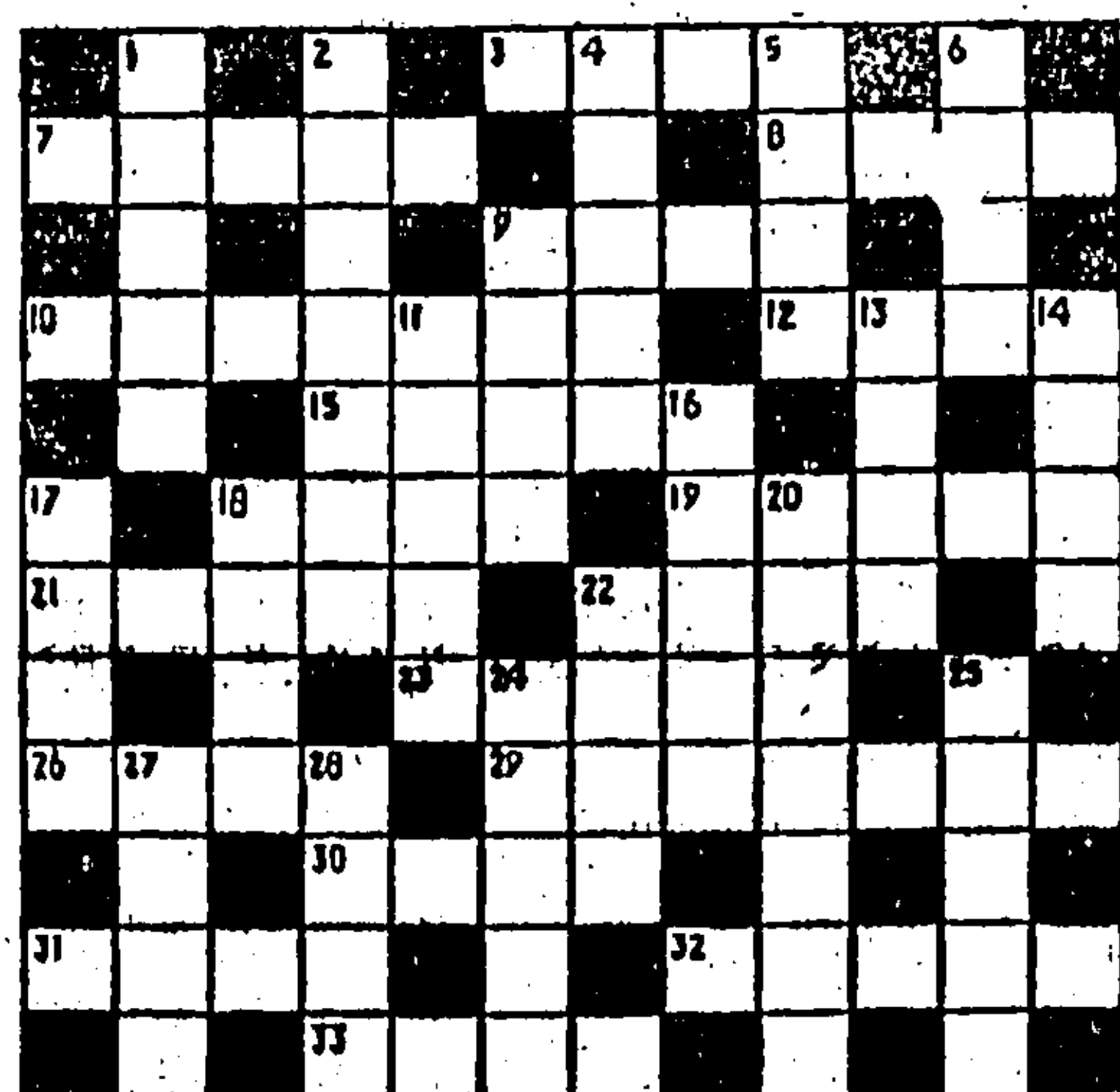
A committee has been specially formed and will bring a legal case against the British Government in London's Queen's Bench.

Up to now the British Government has said that Casement's body had been buried, like those of others who suffered the death penalty, in quicklime and had disappeared.

The Irish claim to have a document showing that his body was buried in a coffin, and they want it dug up.

They wish to transfer it to Murlough in Antrim where a plaque to Casement's memory was recently unveiled by the Irish Prime Minister, Mr Eamon de Valera, before a large crowd of Irish Nationalists from the Northern Counties.—France-Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Young animal (4).
  - Sumptuous repast (8).
  - Smooth (4).
  - Knock senseless (4).
  - Church dignitary (7).
  - Accurate (4).
  - Vigilant (5).
  - Cease (4).
  - Felters (5).
  - Foreign (5).
  - Sends out (8).
  - Nobleman (4).
  - Agrees to (7).
  - Responsibility (4).
  - Legs (4).
  - Strip of leather (5).
  - Catalogue (4).
- DOWN**
- Core (5).
  - Flower (7).
  - Plover (5).
  - Inclination (4).
  - Dandy (4).
  - Pace (4).
  - Solitary (5).
  - Source (4).
  - Compass point (4).
  - Hues (5).
  - Molt (5).
  - Ancestor (4).
  - Blush of ribbons (7).
  - Salute on the lips (4).
  - Manhandle (8).
  - Parloir (5).
  - Wickedness (4).
  - Turn over and over (4).
- SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Armada, 7. Erin, 9. Hunt, 10. Local, 11. Anis, 13. Destroying, 16. Tank, 16. Plan, 19. Deliberate, 23. Doom, 24. Great, 25. Depot, 26. Glen, 27. Riddle, 28. Down, 29. House, 30. Alley, 31. Doctor, 32. Tilt, 33. Rattle, 14. Spruce, 15. Doped, 16. Tugboat, 17. Adore, 18. Litter, 20. Ended, 21. Appeal, 22. Oals.

### An Automatic Helmsman



On exhibit at Olympia, London, is this automatic helmsman. Its use will enable about 22 hours to be saved on a voyage of 7,000 miles (for example, from Vancouver to Sydney) and it works in conjunction with a gyro-compass.

## Soviet Union's Long-Range Plan For E. Germany

Berlin, Sept. 20. The Soviet Union has now started in earnest on a long-term plan to make East Germany economically sound.

This move, forecast frequently in the past few months by East German Communist speakers, has taken solid shape since the Moscow agreement on August 23.

Under the agreement, East Germany gets back 33 large industrial concerns from Soviet control, her occupation costs are cut, no more reparations will go rolling east after January 1, 1954 and she will receive substantial credits and goods as well as having her post-war debts annulled.

Behind this, presumably, lies the idea that a more prosperous East Germany will entice hard-headed West German politicians and economists to pay more attention to Moscow's proposals for unification.

Western propaganda argues that the Moscow agreement does for East Germany what the West in great part already did a long time ago for West Germany. But it is a fact that the agreement will strengthen East German industry.

This, together with the East German efforts to attract more consumer goods from Western suppliers, is taken here as a clear indication that one of the prime aims in Moscow and East Berlin is now to give the average East German a far better deal than he has had in the past.

The Berliner and nearly every East German would certainly say that the move is long overdue. Living standards throughout East Germany, adjudged by people who have travelled in other East European Socialist States, are extremely low.

### SLIGHT REVERSAL

Within the last few weeks, there has already been a slight reversal of the downward trend in living standards. Food is less scarce—quite apart from the relatively small increase brought about by free food parcels distributed in West Berlin—and there is every prospect of more consumer goods in the State shops soon if official promises are carried out.

But few people in Berlin, Soviet East or Capitalist West, would deny that the average West German worker gets much more for his money than the average East German worker.

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## Eisenhower-Stevenson Struggle In 1956 Forecast

Washington, Sept. 20. The Democratic Party Convention held in Chicago last week points the way to another Eisenhower-Stevenson electoral struggle in 1956, political observers believe.

For Mr Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic presidential candidate defeated by President Eisenhower last year, has succeeded in securing behind him a marked degree of political unity among Democratic Party leaders.

And it is not usual in American politics for a defeated candidate to maintain his leadership of the Party.

It, as seems likely at this point, Mr Stevenson gains the Democratic nomination for the Presidency again in 1956, he will be achieving a feat not seen more than a dozen times before in major American parties.

The Republicans are following the Democratic rally with a minor one of their own, which is being conducted without the presence of the main figure of the Party.

President Eisenhower remains in his holiday retreat at Denver, Colorado.

Though much can happen in the next three years there seems no reason to doubt that President Eisenhower will be nominated again as the Party's choice in 1956.

At the Democratic Rally last week the major party rifts which usually follow an electoral defeat were patched up.

All but the most extreme partisans in the Northern liberals versus Southern White Supreme Conservatives dispute, which split the Party last year, sought at Chicago to bridge their differences.

### COMPROMISE DEVICES

They achieved such compromise devices as a study committee to review the sterile procedural issues in which their differences were manifested at the last party convention.

With consummate tact, both ex-President Truman and ex-candidate Stevenson found acceptable titles for each other in the Party hierarchy.

Mr Truman bowed Mr Stevenson to his seat as the titular head of the Party and the leading candidate for its Presidential nomination. Mr Stevenson, the idol of the Party's Liberal intelligentsia, bowed Mr Truman to a seat of equal status as "Mr Democrat," the living symbol of Party unity and tradition, usually personified by an elder statesman.

### NOT CHALLENGED

Mr Stevenson, who had just returned from a world tour, appeared to observers to be much more at ease with both press and politicians, more of a professional politician and able to speak with new authority on foreign affairs.

### NO DELUSIONS

The East German Prime Minister, Herr Otto Grotewohl, on his return from Moscow, immediately launched another plan for German unity. But the words he used, clearly only after long consultation with the Kremlin leaders, contained nothing new. The chief theme of all East German propaganda now, as before, is that both sides must agree to forming a provisional all-German government, which will direct the holding of the first all-German elections since World War II.

Since this idea has already been flatly rejected by the three Western occupation powers, Britain, France and the United States, no-one in East Berlin can have any delusion about its chances of making headway.

For these reasons a strong feeling has grown up among many sections of opinion here that the Soviet Union does not really expect to see German unity come quickly.

An interesting sidelight on the Moscow talks is the appearance of a slight which they have given Herr Grotewohl. The impression is being created in East Berlin that whereas Herr Grotewohl is waxing, his Vice-Premier, Herr Walter Ulbricht, the Communist strong man, is on the wane.

This, of course, may be just the impression the two men want to create for the benefit of the Western press. It is hard to imagine Herr Ulbricht playing second fiddle to anyone in private.

One point is, however, clear. Herr Grotewohl is the only former Socialist in any of the East European countries to stay on top in spite of the Social Democrat origins. In Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria they have either faded into obscurity or been disgraced, while Communist veterans have taken their place.—China Mail Special.

## Huge Cost Of Allied Occupation

Vienna, Sept. 20. The Allied occupation has cost Austria over 27,000 million schillings (almost £378,000,000) in eight years, according to figures published in the Austrian newspapers.

In addition, acceptance of Allied military script currency has cost Austria some 1,000 million schillings (about £14,000,000).

The total of 27,000 million schillings does not include the considerable economic damage caused to the country by Soviet-administered enterprises in Austria, nor the loss caused by the confiscation of 285 firms "former German assets in Austria."

Nor does it include financial losses incurred through Allied requisitioning of hotels and housing units throughout the country.

Damage suffered through the dismantling of about 40 per cent of Austria's industrial plants and the confiscation of raw material supplies and stocks amounts to 10,000 million schillings (nearly £132,000,000). Loss of duties and taxes caused by the Occupation Powers are estimated at another 4,000 million schillings (over £50,000,000).

As far as the payment of the occupation costs is concerned, Austria will be better off at the beginning of 1954, since France will then be the only Occupation Power which still demands the payment of her claims, amounting to 151,000,000 schillings (some £2,100,000).

### NOT AT END

The United States Government has been paying its Occupation costs from its own funds since 1947, and quite unexpectedly, the Soviet decided to renounce the payment of their annual share as from August 1 this year.

Great Britain has informed the Austrian Government that she will no longer require payment of her Occupation costs as from January 1, 1954.

But even France's renunciation of her claims to Occupation costs has not put an end to Austria's financial losses through the four-Power occupation in general.

Even after the conclusion of the State Treaty and the withdrawal of the Occupation troops, Austria would have to assume considerable financial burdens. Under the State Treaty draft, the country would have to pay to the Soviet Union compensation totalling £56,000,000 for the release of the confiscated "German property."

In addition, the projected States Treaty would allow the Soviets to continue exploitations of the Lower Austrian oilfields for another 20 years—which would result in losses of hundreds of million schillings. The Soviets would also retain possession of the ports, equipment and ships of the Danube Shipping Company.—Reuter.

### RAILWAY STRIKE EXPECTED

Guatemala City, Sept. 20. A strike which would paralyze Guatemala's railways is expected this week, Mr Harold Hare, Vice-President of the British and American-owned International Railways of Central America, said today.

Negotiations over wage demands between the company and the union representing 6,000 railway workers were broken off yesterday.—Reuter.



# THIS WAS DUNKIRK IN FLANNELS

By Beverley Baxter, M.P.

THIS is in the nature of a personal confession. What is more, it will play directly into the hands of those ardent readers who accuse me of having gone native. So let them sharpen their pens and dip them in blood.

But they must not dismiss my confession as unimportant merely because it has to do with sport. The British gave many things to the world, and not the least of them was the playing of games. The innocent pastime of rounders developed into the vast North American industry of baseball. The harmless pastime of ground hockey, principally played by girls' schools over here, grew to the ferocity of ice hockey in Canada.

Sir Francis Drake continued to play bowls after the Armada was sighted, which shows that even in the sixteenth century sport was taken seriously. At the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in Toronto, I have seen men also finish a game of bowls although the last launch to the city was hoisting its final warning. And do not tell me that it would be dark before the last launch left the wharf. We expressionists cannot be bothered with data like that.

## Holy Of Holies

NOW it is necessary to bring you to London and describe the locality in which my conversion took place. For seventeen years I have lived in a house in St John's Wood, which is roughly about half a mile from Lord's Cricket Ground. In order to assuage the fierce democracy of some of my readers, let me hasten to

explain that Lord's has nothing to do with the peerage. It all began with a fellow named Lord.

Lord's is the holy of holies in the cricket world. You can only join it if your father was a member and if you yourself have shown a passion for cricket when at school. There are exceptions, but broadly it is as I have described.

Lord's is held in such reverence that pilgrims come from distant places just to gaze upon the sacred plot of grass where the ball meets the willow in mortal combat. When Prime Minister Menzies of Australia comes to a Commonwealth conference, he alternates between Westminster and this sacred pitch in St John's Wood.

## No Blasphemy

THIRTY thousand spectators can crowd into the place but not, of course, into the club house, which is reserved for members and their guests. Not a single advertising hoarding is allowed to deface the cathedral austerity of the scene. They don't like blasphemy over here.

Once a year there is at Lord's a match of Gentlemen vs. Players, the Gentlemen being amateurs and the Players being professionals. When the County teams compete, the sides are composed of both professionals and amateurs, but up to a couple of years ago, when the teams left the field the amateurs went out by one gate and the professionals

another. Now in these days of broadening democracy they all go out together.

As a good Canadian, brought up on baseball and on Canadian rugby, I had a lofty contempt for cricket. Was it not Kipling who denounced the flannelled fool at the wicket? And when it takes five days to play a match, you are passing the boundaries of time and encroaching upon eternity. And this year six days were allowed for the final Test match with Australia!

Just imagine Toronto and Montreal playing one baseball game for six days from 11.30 in the morning to 6.30 in the evening, with a short luncheon interval and an extra shorter break for tea. But that is what they arranged for the last Test instead of the normal five days.

It must not be imagined that one can live in the neighbourhood of Lord's and remain indifferent or unmarked by the experience. For example, the annual Eton and Harrow match is played there, and motor cars are parked up Hamilton Terrace, debouching all ratty daughters, small boys in topers or straw hats (according to which school), imposing unsmiling mammas and lantern-jawed English fathers wearing morning coat, striped trousers and a silk top hat, as only an Englishman can do.

## Rover Tickets

ON such occasions my Aberdeen terrier Max used to bark himself hoarse with Presbyterian fury from our balcony, and now my Scalyham Dismal has taken on the task. In fact, when Lord's is in session we and our neighbours are like a besieged garrison.

But it is pleasant to sit in the garden and enjoy the deep religious silence of Lord's half a mile away, punctuated now and then by a wild shout as though a sinner had found grace.

Now comes the moment when I must begin my confession and

thereby cleanse my bosom of much perilous stuff. Unfortunately, it necessitates a passing mention of a Marquis—no less a person than the Marquis of Donegal—but let me hasten to explain that his mother was Canadian, and since he is an Irish Marquis he only ranks with a Baron over here. At any rate, Donegal is not wealthy and works hard for a living. Thus is democracy mollified.

On the eve of the fourth test match between England and Australia this summer Donegal sent me five rover tickets, one for each day. This meant that I could scrounge a seat in the public galleries if any were vacant. Otherwise, I was privileged to stand on my own two feet.

## Last Day

IT is not my intention to bore you with a description of the match but to bring you to the final day, with England in a desperate situation. Perhaps it would be wise to explain that to win a cricket match one side must not only score more runs than the other but must also get their opponents out. Thus a team might be a hundred runs behind, but the match is only a draw if the losing team is still batting at the close of play.

On the last day England's position was so desperate that the stands were almost empty when play opened. The all-conquering Australians were almost certain to get England out by lunch, and the crowds did not want to see the slaughter. As a rover I had a grandstand almost to myself.

But by luncheon the news had spread. England was making an epic stand. This was Dunkirk in flannels! There seemed no question of England winning, for the Australian lead could hardly be overcome. And as the thousands arrived, the place to the last inch, I suddenly realised that cricket can be the most exciting game ever invented by the brain of man.

## Two Objectives

UNLIKE baseball or soccer, football or rugby, it can sustain a breathless climax for five hours—a quality which it shares with Wagner's music. Can you imagine a game where the crowd rises to cheer like mad because a batter has merely blocked the six balls of an over and not scored a single run?

That is the genius and the double-barrelled fascination of the game. There are two objectives: (1) To win (2) Not to lose. And curiously enough, the second can be the more exciting of the two.

Unhappily I had to go to work at Westminster after lunch, but on the way there people were crowding round the news stands, passengers were shouting the score, from buses, and London was a seething mass of cricket maniacs. And to think that I could not see the finish!

But wait a minute. We have a television set (a poor set, it is true, but it works in a sort of a way) at the House of Commons, and at five o'clock I could get clear from the debate and watch the finish of the match if it was not all over.

Yes, at five o'clock England was still batting. Glory Hall, I judge, I pushed myself into the room, which was crowded with Tories and Socialists in a single-minded unity. Forgotten were our differences. England was at bay and England must not give an inch.

## Scoring Fast

IF the scene in that room could have been reproduced in a film the whole of the non-cricket world could only assume that the British were quite mad. On the television screen we would see one of the surviving batters suddenly take a mighty swing and hit the ball for four runs. "Oh, No!" cried the politicians almost covering their faces with their hands. The risk of it! But the batsman had seen an opening and figured in that split second that he could use up more time with such a stroke instead of merely blocking.

Then it happened again. England was scoring fast. The utterly impossible had happened. From being hopelessly behind England had a gambler's chance

to win. Up in the club house the Captain, Len Hutton, paced the floor. To dare everything? To tell his batsmen to go for runs, to play for a draw?

Like school boys we MPs were shouting advice to Hutton, some for taking a chance and others urging patience. The fact that Hutton was quite unaware of our existence made no difference.

Then suddenly the issue was decided for Hutton. One of our side was clean bowled. England could not afford the loss of another wicket. Now it was a case of night or Blucher!

The Aussies crowded close around the wicket with their bare hands, for there is none of this pious nonsense of gloves except for the wicket keeper. In fact, the Aussies were risking life and limb, but it had to be done. Yet they could not get that extra wicket, and the game ended with a draw, with England batting.

Talk about Making night... the whole of England celebrated that night. As for my wife and son and daughter who had watched it at home on television, they were quite incoherent with excitement, and even Driscoll dashed upstairs and down as if he had gone crazy.

## Still Puzzles

WELL, that is my confession. They say that the convert is always more fanatical than the faithful, but when we sailed for Canada in August it was with only one regret—that we would not be in England for the final Test match.

Yet now that my pulse is normal again I must confess that there is one aspect of this subject which still puzzles me. If anyone does something crafty or unfair or just too sharp in England, one is apt to hear the reproach: "It isn't cricket." In other words, cricket is a synonym for straightforward, stiff upper-lipped integrity and sportsmanship.

I wonder why. If the wicket is wet or spongy, does the captain who wins the toss go in to bat? He does not. He makes the other side take the rub. Or if England's tail is batting and the wicket is bad, does not Hutton declare so as to let Australia have a bad spot? Of course he does. Still further let us take the Test match at Leeds where the Australians had a good chance of winning before stumps were drawn on the last day.

## Intimidation

AM I right in assuming that after nearly every over of six balls the English fielding was rearranged so as to take up time? And equally when an Australian batter was out and positively ran to the pavilion while his successor speeded to take his place—was it to beat the clock?

Then there is that wild, intimidating cry of "How's that?" in which the fielding team tries to influence the umpire. Imagine if at Wimbledon a tennis player served and shouted "How's that?" at the same moment? Imagine if in the ring a boxer shouted it when his opponent sent a right to his midriff.

Even in baseball no one tries to influence the umpire's decision before he gives it. I admit that sometimes when he declares a home player to be out, the crowd quite rightly throws ginger pop bottles at him and the home team gathers around to express doubts about the marriage of his parents—but only after the decision has been given.

## Mystic Meaning

THEN what in the world is the mystic meaning of the phrase "It isn't cricket?" If the answer is given that the game is played to the rules I would reply that every game—even all-in wrestling—is played on similar terms.

I would go so far as to declare that there is no game ever invented in which—while obeying the rules—so much is done to stack the cards against the other side. As a convert I am entirely in favour of every device that will confound the Australians' knavish tricks, but in my innocence I am dashed if I understand why cricket has become a synonym for blue-eyed sportsmanship.

But this is England, unchangeable England. No wonder she acquired a quarter of the earth's surface, for no other country can so completely combine righteousness with worldly reward.

## POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



## FRANCE'S TAX COMMANDOES

By Sydney Smith

THE war is on against France's luxury livers. The Tax Commandoes have their orders from Finance Minister Edgar Faure — "Go and get 'em."

Hunting ground for the tax detectives will be the lush resorts of the fabulous Cote d'Azur.

They have been ordered to the fashionable resorts and

Paris, beaches where luxury cars and yachts abound. Anything expensive-looking will be fair game. The licence plates of costly limousines and imported sports cars will be scrutinised, and the owner's name noted and his tax declaration checked at Treasury headquarters.

If the story the owner has told the income tax collectors does not tie in with his obviously luxurious living standards, then he can look out.

The formation of the Tax Commandoes—the expression is M. Faure's—is the first step in a much-needed campaign by the French Government to clamp down on the country's wealthy income tax dodgers. It seems probable that the hunt is being turned on the well-to-do because of Premier Laniel's economic recovery proposals, which hit hard at lower paid Government workers.

## Toothcomb Methods

Tax inspectors will use small toothcomb methods to track down the dodgers. Their instructions say: "Check up on all people who travel with a large domestic staff, own racehorses or who give fabulous parties."

"As for as yachts are concerned don't be put off if the boat flies a British flag. More often than not this is just an alibi and the owner is really French."

One of the most widely-practised forms of income tax evasion in France is to open a practically non-existent bank account and pay all bills in cash. And the majority of wealthy French people keep their money in home sales and convert it into gold or jewellery.

French Treasury dossier already carry damning evidence about tax dodgers' methods.

One Paris businessman declared a revenue of £350 a year. He owned two cars, one of 25 h.p., had four maids and was known to give large dinner parties. After investigation his tax declaration was "rectified" to £10,000 a year.

Another tax evader at Nice had "forgotten" to declare that he had two houses and a Cadillac. He had now been assessed at £16,000.

## Thieves At Work

A third had three cars, three servants and a large luxury apartment and declared "no revenue".

These are the first three cases to be dealt with under the new "down with high living" drive.

Always along the river or coasts during the summer months the jewel thieves and safe breakers get to work. For the wealthy French, with their dislike of bank accounts, travel with their liquid assets. In the last two weeks £150,000 worth of jewellery and banknotes have been stolen along the Riviera coast from Monte Carlo to St Tropez.

If M. Faure succeeds he will class himself a stronger man than Rene Mayer, who, as Finance Minister in 1948, tried to bring out a law against tax evasion by people who lived on unearned income. The law was passed but never enforced.

## AMERICA COLUMN from NEWELL ROGERS

## THE VANISHING BACHELOR

NEW YORK. NO WONDER the girls are grumbling: the Census Bureau has just proved they are right about the vanishing eligible bachelor.

Out of every 100 adult civilian males only 15 are single, whereas in mother's time the figure was 30.

For every 100 debutantes of 18 to 19 there are only 65 men aged 20 to 22 to escort them.

Where are all the young single men?

Ask the call-up boards.

IDEAS from workers have saved American taxpayers the price of 11 bombers, or 22,000,000 dollars (\$2,857,000). Admiral Dewitt C. Ramsey, U.S. Navy retired president of Aircraft Industries Association.

And just to give one of his examples of how cent-saving amounts up: Standardizing of a single bolt and nut was worth 1,000,000 dollars (\$287,000).

SHORE leave was waiting for 173 men of the Canadian cruiser Quebec and the aircraft-carrier Magnificent, but they put off the sights of New York to line up on deck and give blood to the American Red Cross.

A FUEL TANK cap cost Major Edward Johnston victory and a record in the Bendix Trophy, one of America's greatest air cross-country races. It jammed, took 15 seconds to unscrew, and Johnston finished second by 4.8 seconds.

The winner Major William T. Williams, covered the 1,000-mile course from Murco, California to Dayton, Ohio, at 603 miles an hour.

WHO gets the next bomb? worried business men in Kansas City are asking. In one week five big shops were wrecked by bombs. There is no clue to the criminal, in spite of a 5,000 dollar (\$1,780) reward for information.

SHE is a new name on Broadway but London-born Anna Russell, whose "Little Show"

has just opened, is already getting star treatment.

Her specialty is "vocal caricature," which means burlesquing opera singers, and she is described as a "splendid blonde monolith, with a face as flexible as a collapsible camp chair, a frame as awesome as half of two grenadiers... and a voice like a flawed temple bell."

Our Anna, both in appearance and style, looks very like Our Gracie.

LANDLORDS in New York State have been given seven days to repair or replace kitchen stoves, refrigerators or other kitchen installations about which tenants complain, or else show the complaints are groundless.

Failure to obey may mean a rent reduction, states the Rent Administration.

CONVICT detailed to work in the Governor of Tennessee's mansion, was caught making apple-pie brandy in the garage. He made it from apples and peaches picked up in the governor's garden.

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## THE GAMBOLS



## The "Million Dollar" Team Finds That Success Cannot Be Bought

London, Sept. 20. The old soccer adage that you can't buy success is being proved this season by a team which fans have been calling the "million dollar" team of the First Division of the Football League.

Sunderland, who paid out £63,000 for three top line international stars during the close season, are languishing near the foot of the table after the opening games—and fans are re-christening the team "Blunderland" because of their inept displays.

The north-eastern club, which as always had a reputation of being one of the poorest of the poorest soccer clubs in the country, opened its cheque book during the summer to pay out £27,000 to Arsenal for Welsh international centre-half Ray Daniel, £26,000 to Burnley for England's current outside-left, Billy Elliott, and £20,000 to Middlesbrough for Scotland club for international goalkeeper Jimmy Cowan, just hasn't hit the jackpot with all its spending. And even manager Billy Murray now admits that the cupboard is bare and that no more spending will be done.

Daniel, Elliott and Cowan join a group of the highest priced stars of soccer. Centre-forward Trevor Ford, the stormy petrel of the game and a perennial Welsh international, was bought for £29,500 from Aston Villa in October, 1950, and inside-left Len Shackleton, the man who never quite makes the international side, cost £20,050 when he was bought from neighbouring Newcastle United back in 1948.

At outside-right is Tommy Wright, a Scotsman who cost £8,000 when he came from a junior club north of the border, and at left-half is England

cricketer Willy Watson, one of the few double internationals who have played for their country at both cricket and soccer.

WELL-DOWN With such an array of high priced talent, Sunderland might well expect to be among the leaders of the League Championship—but a glance at the current positions shows them to be well down the table.

Their high-priced stars just don't seem to be clicking and unless some very promising local boys are unearthed—and Sunderland haven't done much unearthing during the past few months—the team will have to stand or fall by them.

Manager Murray admits the coffers are empty, but says he intends to stand or fall by his team.

"Injuries are our bugbear," he said recently. "We have all these stars on our books, but never yet have we been able to turn all of them out at the same time. At least two are always injured, and when they recover two more report sick. You can't win games that way."—United Press.

## Disappointing Entry In Hard Court Tennis Championships

Entries for the men's Hard Court Tennis Championship events sponsored by the Chinese Recreation Club, which closed yesterday, are rather disappointing this year. There are only 28 competitors in the Singles, and 23 pairs in the Doubles.

The Colony's top-ranking ace, K. H. Ip, who did not compete in this Championship last year, heads the singles entries and will almost certainly be seeded No. 1, with last year's Champion, V. T. Wang, filling in the second seeded berth.

Edwin Tsai, who is expected to pose a serious threat to K. H. Ip this year, and K. C. Dao will undoubtedly be the other two seeded players.

A pleasing feature, however, of the Singles entries is the large number of schoolboy and large-age players competing. Among these are the Schoolboy Champion, Francis Ma, and Fritz Lin, Dawood Khan, Sandy Lin and Ng Man-cheung.

Conspicuous absences in the Singles are the Tsai brothers, who have, however, entered together in the Doubles.

The K. H. Ip-Edwin Tsai combination will be difficult to beat in this event, and the greatest opposition will be forthcoming from the Tsai brothers, K. C. Dao and Szeto Bick, V. T. Wang and T. Leung and J. L. Rigge and M. Hoernan.

THE ENTRIES The following is the complete list of entries:

Colony Men's Singles Dawood Khan, Yaqub Khan, Sandy Lin, F. K. Hu, Fritz Lin, T. C. Wang, K. Y. Chang, T. H. Shao, K. H. Ip, Edwin Tsai, C. T. Tsou, S. H. To, Choy Tin-kin, Ng Man-cheung, L. C. Wade, Francis Ma, V. C. Kung, Wong Sui-ki, Emil Pereira, Peter Chen, Kenneth Lo, W. Guy Lam, L. T. Lee, V. T. Wang, Szeto Bick, K. C. Dao, Lee King-fun, Ma Shiu-leung.

Colony Men's Doubles J. K. Liu and Moylan Chan, C. S. Cheng and A. N. Oher, Y. Khan and Dawood Khan, Sandy Lin and T. C. Wang, F. K. Hu and Fritz Lin, T. H. Shao and P. F. Shao, K. H. Ip and Edwin Tsai, C. T. Tsou and Lee King-fun, F. C. Stuckey and E. E. Story, S. N. To and Choy Tin-kin, D. C. Luk and V. C. Kung, Ng Man-cheung and Ho Cheung-cho, Ma Shiu-leung and Francis Ma, K. Y. Chang and Chang Wing-choi, Tsai Wai-pul and Tsai Yung-pul, Wong Sui-ki and Au Kam-moon, Emil Pereira and Joseph Hsu, J. L. Rigge and M. Hoernan, K. Lo and T. Lo, W. Guy Lam and Fung Moon, L. T. Lee and K. C. Kao, V. T. Wang and L. Leung, K. C. Dao and Szeto Bick, K. C. Ng and Y. Lam.

The registered owner of the two horses, William Maurice Williams, 46, is among the five men charged. Two weeks ago he served a writ on police headquarters, demanding the return of the two horses which have been held since soon after the race.—Reuters.

## WHISPERING GALLERY

By Archie Quick

The "Whispering Gallery" of the soccer world was Snow Hill Station, Birmingham, on a Saturday night, when teams going North, South, East and West for a night and a day, were waiting for the train to the "Whispering Gallery" of the "Stranger Story of the Arsenal". Everyone knows their playing record this season. Not a win in the first seven matches and then a seven-one hiding at home—too successful Sunderland.

But behind the scenes they are not talking so much of the Arsenal's playing inefficiency, but of dressing room dissension. Now I have been in close touch with the Highbury Club since the days of Herbert Chapman. He laid down a code on and off the field, and he laid down a strategy for match play. It has been rigidly adhered to down the years.

Speak to any old Arsenal player—Drake, Hulme, Jack, Kirchen, Baslin, the Comptons and the few who have gone to other clubs like Cox of West Bromwich—and you will instantly detect the pride they have of being connected with "The Old Club."

But now there are rumours of lapses of discipline, and it has even got into print that Manager Tom Whittaker said: "Some of them are not 100 percent Arsenal; in success they have made too many friends away from the field of play." Strong words these from an Arsenal "Comrade". I have twice this season travelled with Arsenal, and I can tell you the old camaraderie is not there. One player will drift off to another part of the train after his meal; another will go into the adjoining dining coach and have a drink on his own.

At least two leave for the North immediately after the match for Liverpool and Swindon, while others like Lishman to Walsall and Smith to Sheffield—break away from the main party (with permission, of course). But this does not make for the old team spirit and it is showing itself on the field.

At present all this, however, is not convincing (as I wrote after Arsenal's opening match of the season at West Bromwich and subsequently when I saw them at Aston Villa) that the side is not good enough as at present constituted. Some are getting on in years and I am sure Joe Mercer made a mistake in carrying on "for just one more season." Better to go out on top of the world. (Do you see I am not ready, and there is not a "shot" in the forward line apart from winger Roper. A centre-half, a wing half, and a thrustful inside forward are the crying needs of Arsenal. They will be bought.

BREAKING UP

Portsmouth won the Division I Championship in successive seasons since the war, narrowly missed the hat-trick, and also came close to achieving the elusive double of Cup and League.

Now the side is breaking up. The goalkeeper has gone, Jim Scouler is with Newcastle and I hear that other transfers are imminent. For instance, international Jack Froggatt, England's choice at outside-left and centre-forward does not relish the right half position left vacant by Scouler, and the departed centre-forward, Charlie Vaughan, plans to go back to a London club.

Mention of Scouler, by the way, reminds me that Newcastle paid over £25,000 for him, he had one kick at the ball in the opening match for the United and went down with ligament trouble. Such is the gamble of the transfer market.

Chelsea Manager Ted Drake tells me he is still hopeful of enticing South Laurie Relly, the Hibernian and Scotland centre-forward. After the game in which Chelsea beat Portsmouth 4-3 and a hat-trick was obtained by the English amateur international centre-forward, Jim Lewis, Drake said: "Jim is a grand player but I must have a centre-forward upon whom I can rely for every match. Lewis still has other commitments and he is wanted by England or Southampton. I shall be left high and dry."

## "I WISH I'D HAD MORE TIME WITH THE QUEEN'S HORSE"

### Fingertip Expert Charles Brook Explains His Treatment

By NEVILLE SAMPSON

"I may not be an orthodox doctor, but that does not make me a quack—as some people have called me. "The fact that I was asked to treat a horse as important as Aureole is to me complete justification for all the years I have spent preparing myself for this work."

Sixty-five-year old Charles Brook, self-styled psychotherapist whose sensitive fingers worked for six weeks on the Queen's horse in an attempt to cure the animal of pre-race nerves before the St Leger, sat with me in his room over a delicatessen shop in Notting Hill Gate.

Mr. Brook, a mild, quick-talking little man, with a trim beard, gazed down from his window on the traffic below as he told me of the treatment which has astounded so many racing men and made headline news.

"I wasn't really surprised when Aureole came in only third," he said. "Six weeks wasn't enough. I needed another month to make sure."

Men and women who have travelled with Mr Brook on the early-morning train from London to Newmarket every day recently could never have guessed that he was, as he says, "silently preparing impulses within myself for transmission to Aureole when I got there."

And how does this unorthodox fellow work? Why does a restless, nervous animal—or human being, for that matter—become docile and quiet at the touch of his fingers?

"I have been preparing myself for this for years," said Mr.

Brook. "Orthodox doctors cannot find the central control which lies behind so many nervous cases. But with my system, I can. "I deal with the invisible. It is nothing to do with the intellect."

At Newmarket, Mr Brook was placing his fingers on Aureole's shoulder, and sliding them gently down to the animal's stomach. Why?

"I place my fingers lightly at some central nerve centre," he told me, "and transmit impulses direct to the nervous system, like a radio transmitter. How did he first develop the powers which have now received recognition from such unexpected quarters?"

"At first, I thought only about human beings," he said. "I studied and prepared myself, and just before I was ready when at last I felt I was ready—I put up a plate in Harley Street."

INSOMNIA CURE He claims to have cured insomnia by the use of his finger tips—and even improved a golfer's game.

Mr Brook's interest in animals as patients began only five years ago, when a friend asked him to treat a greyhound suffering so badly from nerves that it had not raced for 11 months.

"I suddenly remembered the treatment I had given to a child leaf from birth," he explained. "The child's mother was worrying because the boy kept running alone into the road. "While the boy was asleep my fingers transmitted an impulse telling him never to cross the road unaccompanied. A few days later his mother told me with amazement that he was refusing to cross a road unless someone went with him. "When the man brought in his greyhound I thought of that boy. He had been asleep, so I couldn't have touched his mind. I knew I was reaching a control that was quite apart from the intellect, and I said to myself: 'If I can achieve this why shouldn't I be able to do so with animals?'"

Three weeks later, after treatment, the dog ran again—without any trace of nerves.

A TELEGRAM

More greyhounds followed. Then came horses. The first, Full Tilt, refused to be saddled and bucked like a bronco when anyone tried to mount. "I treated the animal four or five times a week for two months," said Mr Brook. "This kind of success with nervous horses came to the notice of the Queen's racing manager, Captain Charles Moore, who told Mr Brook he would mention him to the Queen. Forty-eight hours later came the telegram calling the psychotherapist to Newmarket—and Aureole."

Mr Brook walked across to the window, hitched up his corduroy trousers and glanced down at his bottle-green socks.

UNCONVENTIONAL "You know, my wife is always telling me to dress more conventionally," he said. "But I am an unconventional man, giving unconventional treatment, so why should I not wear unconventional clothes?"

"I still have human patients, but my main interest is bloodstock. There is no personality, no arrogant intellect to fight when you treat animals. That is why I have just given up my Harley Street address. You can't soothe horses from Harley Street."

AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE ORDERS

No. 18, Orders by Mr Alister Brown, Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service of September 19, 1953. Public Holiday, September 22, 1953 being a public holiday, the training programme for this day is hereby cancelled. Transfer Station Officer F. A. Barrett will be transferred from Hongkong Division to Kowloon Division, w.e.f. 1.10.53. Designations—Fireman No. 558 Chan Hark-wai, w.e.f. 1.10.53. Fireman No. 778 Lau Yan-chuen, w.e.f. 1.10.53. (Sd.) Peter Cheung, A/Supt. (Admin.), A.F.S.

Sheriff Marvin Register said two men and woman were being held under \$10,000 bond in connection with the case. He said they would be charged with taking part in a plot to unload 20 cases of tickets from an Irish merchant ship, the Irish Hazel. He identified the three suspects as Joseph Eugene Merrick, 32, a labourer, Hal Murphy, 49, a cab driver, and Miss Myrtle Cates, 31, a waitress, all of Wilmington. The sheriff said the cases contained 672,000 tickets which were found stored in a small cabin near her. The tickets are valued at £1 each.—United Press.



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## Sugar Refiners In Britain Ready For Sudden Rush

London, Sept. 20.

Although the Government has given no indication of the date when sugar rationing will be lifted, sugar traders in Mincing Lane say the date is likely to be announced this week-end or the next one.

The Government warehouses, the refiners and Allied manufacturers are prepared to cushion themselves against any sudden demand from house-holders. But this demand is not now expected to assume large proportions since the increased ration of the past two months has satisfied most needs and there is little opportunity for extra bottling and preserving by housewives with the soft fruit seasons practically over.

Meanwhile in trading circles pessimism over the efficiency of the new International Sugar Agreement has increased with the steady decline in prices and the general falling up of the rice market.

The spot price for sugar has dropped 25 points since the International conference completed its work and the current price now stands at 3.25US cents. Many traders expect the price to fluctuate the minimum of 3.25 cents per pound once the quota system of the new agreement comes into operation. This compares with an annual average of 4.01 cents in 1952 and 5.70 cents in 1951. This bearish reaction is chiefly the result of exporters' countries attempting to sell as much as possible from their reserves before the agreement becomes effective.

Although seasonally low stocks restrict the sales, the free market for sugar is so narrow that even small sales can depress prices. The only

way that the new agreement can influence prices is by limiting exports. But exports have already been severely curtailed under the new agreement and it is unlikely that the producing countries would agree to further cuts.

**EVERY EFFORT**

With such a threat hanging over them the producing countries have been making every effort to get rid of their surplus sugar before the end of the year. Consequently the bearish influence on prices is expected to continue. If the world market price next December stands around the minimum of 3.25 cents it will be almost impossible for the International Sugar Council when it meets to adjust quotas to make further downward adjustments to exports.

Traders do not expect prices to rise and this feeling is reflected in the prices of futures which have recently been weak as far forward as September 1954. But it is the statistical position which is giving the most cause for pessimism in Mincing Lane.

The International Sugar Council, included a doubtful 500,000 extra tons for additional demands of Britain in the current year market outlet of 4,500,000 tons when it recommended a figure of 5,000,000 tons to the world conference. — United Press.

# British Government's Flexible Monetary Policy Emphasised

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Sept. 20.

A slogan in an office window, passed en route to the City, yields a daily tonic. It reads: "As safe and secure as Britain itself."

Thursday's surprise headlines announcing the bank rate cut made that slogan seem worth a second look on the evening's homeward journey.

Britain "safe and secure" That summed up somehow the man-in-the-street's reactions—first reactions at least—to what was certainly the biggest news of the year in the City.

At last, it seemed, had come the sign of a real halt to the years of austerity measures. Surely one might be permitted to conjecture forth now the picture of a smiling, confident Chancellor of the Exchequer, the picture of a Butler declaring there isn't much wrong with Britain's economy, a Butler prepared to risk a slackening of the reins even if by only one-half per cent.

An ironic twist to the slogan was perceived on glancing at it again next morning. For the slogan belongs to the world of Britain's building societies. And they had all too speedily announced that the bank rate cut notwithstanding, it was "extremely doubtful if the present slight reduction will have any effect on building society rates."

A cold douche for Britain's would-be houseowners, made no less palatable by the explanation that "one of the country's most vital needs at the present time is an increase in savings, and any reduction in the rates paid to investors would obviously weaken the appeal to the public to increase their savings."

Joy was not to be confined, however, to the Stock Exchange. The mood of uplift. Did not the Financial Times Government securities index rise to a height unknown since the bank rate was raised on November 8 of 1951?

Did it not stand on Friday at 100.81, a mere .02 below the figure on that depressing November day?

**A REFLECTION**

And, while the experts have been carefully pointing out that the bank rate reduction is really a technical matter, involving no change in Chancellor Butler's tighter monetary policy of the past 18 months, yet there is complete agreement that the move is a reflection of the Government's confidence.

As the Economist commentator puts it, "whatever else the reduction means—it is an under-statement to say the Government does not now seem to see any reason for an immediate tightening of monetary policy."

And he backs up this view with the comforting reduction that thanks to an increase in industrial production (over seven per cent up in the April-July period compared with a year ago), and to the reopening of some Commonwealth markets, British companies' profits are probably "as high as at any period since the war."

Critics of the situation do, however, seem somewhat perplexed as to whether they are looking at a "green" or "yellow" light, or maybe even a "red" light.

While it is clear enough that the Government thinks it can cope effectively with any monetary problems of the foreseeable future, anxious eyes are being cast on the American scene.

**OPINIONS VARY**

What, it is asked, does the bank rate change mean in relation to the feared American recession?

Quite contrary opinions are voiced on this point. In the view of the Financial Times the new bank rate means "that the British Government has satisfied itself, or has been satisfied, either that no American recession will develop or that if it does develop it will be done away before it has time to take hold."

Moreover, the Financial Times supports the view that the British Government is taking on good risk if the present bank rate move means an expression of its faith in the ability of the American Administration to defeat any possible recession.

Fear of that recession is more emphatically held by the Investors' Chronicle writer "Calidius," who this week-end winds up his comment on the bank rate news with this worry.

**COMFORT TAKEN**

"I cannot," he says, "put out of my mind the ever-present possibility of a recession in America either later this year or earlier next year."

"Calidius" agrees that the recession in America is "the economic wolf that has never come" but he is sufficiently

alarmed by the possibility apparently that he deprecates Britain doing anything at this moment "that might be interpreted as reintroducing the danger of inflation."

Comfort is being taken here in the realisation that the Government is emphasising in the bank rate cut the flexibility of its monetary policy.

## Business Outlook In U.S.

Washington, Sept. 20.

High Government economists consulted by the United Press today were cautiously optimistic regarding the general business outlook in the United States despite the recent downturn in the New York Stock Market. A severe economic depression is not at present seen, they said.

The informal view among some responsible analysts of the economic trend is that the stock market has been an accurate barometer of major business trends since World War II. The stocks trend was downward in 1946 and 1947 when other major business indices moved upward.

Experts hint that national income and production for the third quarter will show some significant gains likely to inspire more optimism among securities speculators.

Such opinions are individual and personal as Government officials are always reluctant to comment on the situation in speculative markets. They believe, however, that the "impetus" in the general business situation will soon inspire greater confidence.

The usual view among experts is that the stock market slump reflected a desire to "rationalise" the possibility of smaller governmental defence expenditures as an aftermath of the Korean war and the diminished prospect of a third world war. Such a readjustment normally occurs after termination of a long period of combat.

**QUALIFIED**

Expressions of optimism are qualified by the observation that a long continued slump in the stock market may have psychological effect to discourage maximum investment in new factories and equipment during 1954.

However, taxation changes at year-end may brighten the investment outlook.

The most recently published official survey of the national economic situation was "Economic Indicators, September 1953," prepared by the Council of Economic Advisers.

This showed that total national output of goods and services in the second quarter of 1953 was an annual rate of \$372,000,000,000 compared with \$362,000,000,000 in the first quarter of 1953 and \$345,000,000,000 in the second quarter of 1952.

Total industrial production in August 1953 was 238% of 1935-1939 average of 100. In January 1953, this index was 236% and in August 1952 it was 228%.

The total civilian workers employed in the week of August 28, 1953 was 63,408,000 compared with 62,354,000 in corresponding week of 1952.

Nation-wide unemployment in August was 1,240,000, a post-war low, and only 1.9% of the civilian labour force was unemployed.

National income (the source of purchasing power) in the second quarter of 1953 was at an annual rate of \$308,400,000,000 compared with \$300,000,000,000 in the first quarter of 1953. — United Press.

## TO BAN "SWITCH" TRADING

Tokyo, Sept. 20.

The Japanese Government has decided to ban switch trading between Japan and South Korea whereby the latter sold dollar area goods to the country between the two countries, it was reported today.

Jiji press said the open account trade between the two countries now trades in favour of Japan. Japanese Ministry of Industry and International Trade officials frowned on Japanese traders' increasing purchase of dollar area goods from the Republic of Korea with this favourable balance.

They want the Republic of Korea Government to settle the bar—if the Koreans can—either through the sale of scrap iron and steel or payment in cash dollars, the report said.

Japanese officials, according to the Jiji, pointed out Japan had to pay South Korea commission for all purchases of dollar area goods from that country. If Japanese traders continue the practice of buying dollar area goods from South Korea, that country would become increasingly reluctant to settle the open account with Japan in cash dollars. The Jiji report said. — United Press.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local money market at the following rates: —

US dollar (per \$100)	100.00
US dollar (per \$10)	10.00
US dollar (per \$1)	1.00
US dollar (per 100)	100.00
US dollar (per 10)	10.00
US dollar (per 1)	1.00

## Stock Exchange In An Optimistic Mood

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Sept. 20.

While the arguments of City experts, politicians and others continue on the full implications of the bank rate cut, which took everybody by surprise on Thursday, there is no gainsaying the optimistic and immediate reaction of the markets.

The gilt-edged section moved upwards with such sharpness that War Loan now stands at 86½, an increase of no less than 3¼ over Thursday and Friday.

It is worth recalling that it fell 2-7/16 to 77½ when the 1952 Budget raised the bank rate from 2½ to 4 per cent.

And War Loan is just a sample of the general effect on Government stocks.

There has been a sympathetic marking up, too, of bank and insurance shares and a rise in industrial debentures and preferences.

The drop in the bill rate has particularly encouraged demand for "shorts."

Though there was not much business in the London and Colonial stocks they were mainly firm with some advances.

While East Africa 4 per cent was changing hands at 3½ premium it returned before the close of the market on Friday to 7/16 premium.

**STORES POPULAR**

Strong interest continued during the week in stores shares.

Debenhams attracted attention with a rise to 37½ before the final figure of 37/6 at the close—1/4½ up.

Waring and Gillow were also at a new peak of 64½ but closed at 63—2/6 up.

Drops were recorded, however, by M. Burton, down 9d at 24½ and by "Gussies" at 47/6.

The bank rate news brought with it on Thursday an advance in tobacco, and Friday's prices maintained the improvement, with "Bute" advancing to 37/6.

A less satisfactory note was struck in certain directions including tea shares—at a low level. Imperial of India shares fell 6d to 20½.

**SHIPPING PUZZLE**

Rubber was dull, and coppers, too, generally were quiet, with exceptions such as Rhodesian.

Kalunga which were the best of the year at 137½ before closing 10½d up at 14½.

Zambesi Exploring rose 9d to 27½. "Tanks" at 58/6 were 6d up.

Despite the P. and O. Chairman's scotching of the rumours that his company were prepared to bid for shares of the Union-Castle Line, the latter shares held a gain over the week of 2/6.

The City queries the justification for this, since on last year's Union-Castle dividend of 7½ per cent, the yield is lower than that the P. and O. offers—6.4 per cent.

**FRESH LIFE**

London, Sept. 20.

Thursday's market decision on the bank rate brought fresh life to the stock markets which earlier in the week had the influence of Wall Street and end-of-account selling.

Apart from Funds and German bonds most sections opened the week cautiously and despite the recovery in New York they remained apprehensive. On the other hand Funds kept firm. Following the announcement of the reduction in the bank rate to 2½ per cent, the bank rate was at 2½ in a state of flux but it eventually settled down with prices of Government stocks and domestic shares on a higher level.

Consols 2½% gained 3½ to 84½, and the 4½ rose 3 points to 83. War Loan 8½% was marked up 8½ to 86½, and Transport 3% was 2½ higher to 84½.

Oil's reflected the decline of Wall Street. Anglo-Iranian losing 4½ to 127½ and Royal Dutch down 10s to 81-5/8.

German V bonds anticipated enforcement of the debt agreement and showed some good gains. Foreign 7½ being marked up 7 to 82½ and the 5½ rising 5 to 81½. Japanese bonds were firm.

The Financial Times industrial index closed the week at 123.8, breaking the peak for the present year on March 6 when it touched 128.0.

There was practically no buying interest among Kaffirs and prices moved lower all around. — United Press.

## American Business Highlights

New York, Sept. 20.

Automotive: Ward's Automotive Report—output of cars, buses and trucks in the US and Canada this week estimated at 140,317 units, compared with 122,827 (revised) units the week before.

Banking: Federal Reserve—week ended Sept. 9, member bank commercial, industrial and agricultural loans in 94 leading cities—\$22,957,000,000. Gold reserves, week ended Sept. 10, \$22,178,000,000. Excess reserves, estimated at \$18,000,000,000. Money in circulation—\$33,035,000,000. Holding of US government securities \$25,084,000,000,000. Ratio 44.6 per cent. New York City brokers' loans \$1,419,000,000.

Bank clearings: Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.—week ended Sept. 16, clearings in 25 leading cities—\$17,978,502,000, compared with \$12,803,278,000 (revised) the week before.

Carloads: Association of American Railroads—week ended Sept. 12, 710,554; loading for the year to date approximated 27,424,454 cars.

Coal: National Coal Association: week ended Sept. 12, soft coal output estimated at 8,125,000 tons, compared with 9,565,000 tons the week before; production for the year to date approximated 314,500,000 tons.

Construction: Engineering News-Record—week ended Sept. 17, Civil engineering awards \$180,821,000. 1053 to date awards \$11,121,233,000.

Electricity: Edison Electric Institute—week ended Sept. 12, 7,962,823,000 kilowatt-hours.

Failures: Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.—week ended Sept. 10, business failures totalled 131. — United Press.

## Big Textile Exhibition In Manchester

London, Sept. 20.

The "Textile Recorder" International Textile Machinery Exhibition to be held in Manchester from October 14 to 24 will group 204 exhibitors, of whom more than one-fifth are from overseas countries.

Notable among the foreign exhibitors will be 19 German firms occupying about 4,000 square feet of space on returning to this exhibition for the first time since 1938.

Swiss manufacturers will also be strongly represented and there will be important contingents from France and the United States.

Other countries whose textile machinery will be on view are Sweden, Denmark, Belgium and Holland.

Total floor space available will be just under 80,000 square feet—80 per cent greater than at the last exhibition in 1949. New types of machinery will be on view for every section of the industry.

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## ADVERSE TRADE BALANCE

Pretoria, Sept. 20.

South Africa had an adverse trade balance of £57½ million (excluding gold bullion) in the first seven months of this year, according to a preliminary trade statement issued by the Commissioner of Customs here. The statement revealed that the Union's imports dropped by more than £10 million to £240,173,001 from £258,348,023 in the same period of 1952. Exports in January-July, 1953, were valued at £210,010,681 against £219,001,442. — China Mail Special.

## NORWAY'S FAITH IN BELFAST

London, Sept. 20.

Norway's faith in the Belfast shipbuilding industry has been proved by yet another order for Harland & Wolff—this time for a motor tanker of about 12,000 tons deadweight for Beech's Rederi-A S Oslo.

Norway appears to have at least three tankers of 18,500 tons deadweight (for Anders Jahre), one of 29,200 tons deadweight for Sigval Bergesen and now five smaller tankers and cargo ships, on order in Belfast.

On the Clyde there should be five launches this month, including two cargo liners, while Harland & Wolff's Clyde yard hopes to complete a tanker for Mr. A. H. Mathieson of Oslo.

On September 9 the single-crew motor tanker Anika of about 18,100 tons deadweight was launched for Messrs Erling H. Samuelson of Oslo. Builders are the Furness Shipbuilding Co. of Billingham. Another vessel launched for a Scandinavian country is the Arana, a single-crew shelter-deck steamer of about 8,000 tons deadweight, by William Gray and Co. of Harlowport for Hedenbolaget Re-Ba of Abo, Finland.—China Mail Special.



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## Communist MIG-15 Plane Lands At Allied Air Field

Seoul, Sept. 21.

A Communist MIG-15 fighter landed at Kimpo airport near here at 9.24 a.m. today, Fifth Air Force announced.

The Air Force announcement did not disclose the nationality of the pilot of the surrendered plane.

He was being questioned by Air Force intelligence officers.

General Mark W. Clark, UN Commander, made a public offer of \$100,000 for a surrendered enemy MIG last April 27. A Far East Command spokesman said today the offer had never been withdrawn.

## E. German Secret Police To Be Strengthened

Berlin, Sept. 20.

East Germany's top Communist today ordered the secret police strengthened to crush an armed underground movement which he said existed in the Soviet Zone.

Walter Ulbricht, deputy and first secretary of the Communist Party in a speech to the 10th meeting of the Party's Central Committee, said: "Strengthening of the power of the State is an urgent task confronting us."

He said Fascist underground organisations must be crushed, ruthless action taken against illegal arms caches and the state security strengthened by sending trusted agents into large factories and all East German communities.

Ulbricht's speech, made on Thursday and released today by the East German news service ADN, indicated that the Communists fear that the millions who rose against Communism in June might revolt again and this time back their resistance with arms.

The anti-Communist Information Bureau West said, meanwhile, that the secret police had ordered the arrest of 101 riot leaders of the June revolt who had gone underground.

The West Berlin newspaper Telegram said the Communist police chief, Karl Maron, called a conference of all his district commissioners because a wave of new sabotage acts had led to the fear that a new revolt might break out.

Ulbricht's speech made it clear the Communists consider that anti-Communist resistance has not been crushed and is a danger to the State.

"We stand before the task of crushing the Fascist underground organisations formed by enemy agencies in West Berlin and West Germany," he said. "We must train the workers to increased vigilance against the enemy, to ruthless action against

every case of illegal possession of weapons. The state security organ is to be strengthened... all parts of the State apparatus must be checked."

Ulbricht said resistance had reached into the ranks of the Party and the morale of "some" Party members was shattered by the election victory of Chancellor Adenauer.—United Press.

## Mr Edmund Blunden Arrives

Mr Edmund Charles Blunden, CBE, MC MA, prominent English poet, arrived here this morning from the United Kingdom to take over the chair of English at the Hongkong University.

Accompanied by his wife and three children, Margie, 7, Lucy, 5, and Frances, 3, Mr Blunden was met on board the RMS Carthage by Mr B. Mellor, Registrar of the Hongkong University, Mrs Mellor, Mr Alan Green, and Mrs Mary Visick, lecturers.

## Had Dangerous Goods Aboard

The 27-year-old master of a fishing vessel, Ho Ngai-nai, was fined \$20 by Mr A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning when he pleaded guilty to the charge of illegally carrying dangerous goods.

Five cetties of petrol were found on board the defendant's sampan when it was intercepted off Ping Chau on Sunday afternoon, said the Police.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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"This is our second day and no sign of landing a husband—maybe I shouldn't have passed up that job in the haberdashery!"

## Different Kind Of Inspector

Lan Bing, summonsed with having carried a passenger in his taxi with his flag still up before Mr. Thomas Tam in Central Court this morning answered:

"But I had an Inspector in my taxi. Inspectors are different from passengers."

"An Inspector?" asked Mr. Tam.

"Yes," replied Lan, "he is waiting for me to call him."

All eyes in the Court turned to the door as the new witness entered, but he was seen to be, not a Police Inspector, but another kind of Inspector.

"And what do you inspect?" asked Mr. Tam.

"I inspect Yellow taxis," replied the witness.

"I see," said Mr. Tam, "and were you in uniform when the driver was summonsed?"—Yes.

"No."

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## RECRUITS BECOME POLICEMEN

Two squads of Cantonese Police recruits, totalling 64 policemen, passed out this morning at the Police Training School, Aberdeen, with Mr K. A. Bidmead, Deputy Commissioner of Police, taking the salute.

PCs 4650 and 4672 were presented with silver whistles by Mr Bidmead for the best all round performance in their respective squads. The parade led by the Police Band with the two passing-out squads next and the rest of the members of the Police School following, then, marched past Mr Bidmead. The parade was under the command of Sub-Inspector Lau Fook-kuan.

Mr Bidmead addressing the passing-out recruits congratulated them on their smartness. He said that they were starting on a very honourable career and that they must remember that they are constantly in the public eye. Anything they did wrong would be letting down the Force.

In the Force today, he said, there were a number of dishonest Policemen, and he hoped that none of the passing-out recruits would follow their suit. He said that there were more honest men in the Force today than ever before.

There were two things they should remember, he said. Firstly, to look smart when they are on the beat, and secondly not to be a bully. The public respect the Police Force far more today than in the past, he said.

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## Five Face Charges Involving Alleged Abortion

Applications by Counsel for the Defence for the Court to order the dropping of a charge of conspiracy against the accused and, failing that, to order a separate trial on that count, were refused by Mr Justice A. D. Scholes, acting Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning when five persons appeared before him on charges arising out of alleged abortions.

The accused were Cheung Oi-mei, alias Amy Cheung, 26, married woman, Cheung Siu-huen, alias Betty Cheung, 18, student, Cheung Siu-wah, alias Kathryn Cheung, 17, student, Cheung Kam, 41, amah, and Yuen Yuen-sum, 38, business man.

Two other accused, Wong Man-huen, 50, married woman, and Cheung Wun, 50, business man, who were originally charged with the others, were not before the Court, having absconded before